

We, at the Toronto Institute of Group Studies acknowledge that we are hosted in Toronto on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat.

The City of Toronto cites that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

Historical evidence suggests that the name Toronto comes from the Mohawk name *Tkaranto,* that means “*where there are trees standing in the water*” (Patrick Metzger, see resources below).

Our wider community members across Canada are equally hosted on Indigenous lands, far too many for us to honour individually, and so we would like to recognize the home and enduring presence of all First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

This land – Turtle Island – was not discovered by European explorers. It was already inhabited for well over 10,000 years by thriving confederacies of Indigenous people.

These land acknowledgements are an important first step towards honouring the original occupants of a place, and a starting point to address how this land is viewed, and our relationships to the land and to each other. (Selena Mills, see resources below).

Some additional resources that we have found helpful:

An international map exploring traditional lands:

<https://native-land.ca/>

Patrick Metzger’s article about naming Toronto:

<https://torontoist.com/2013/05/toronto-urban-legends-naming-the-city/>

Selena Mills on Why Land Acknowledgements are important:

<https://locallove.ca/issues/what-are-land-acknowledgements-and-why-do-they-matter/#.YPXl3BNKj8E>